

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

DALE HARPER,)
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 Plaintiff,)
)
 v.) Case No. CIV-14-563-HE
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 ODOC DIRECTOR, ROBERT)
 PATTON; ODOC DIRECTOR)
 DESIGNEE, MARK KNUTSON;)
 LCF WARDEN; LCF WARDEN)
 DESIGNEE; LCF SGT.)
 BEARDEN; CCF C/O)
 SPEARMAN; CCF WARDEN,)
 CHAD MILLER; CCF WARDEN)
 DESIGNEE, ALLISON KUSCH;)
 CCF UNIT MANAGER)
 CHOATE; CCF UNIT)
 MANAGER MUNDAY; CCF)
 SGT. AMON; CCF CHIEF OF)
 SECURITY, DON STEER;)
 DCF CHIEF OF SECURITY;)
 ODOC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT)
 SUPERVISOR; LCF LT.)
 DEBORAH JOHNS; JHCC)
 HEALTH SERV. ADMINS.,)
 BUDDY HORNMAKER;)
 CCF UNKNOWN NURSE;)
 CCF HEALTH SERV.)
 PROVIDER, DR. PAYNE; CCF)
 HEALTH SERV. ADMINS.,)
 TERESA SELLERS; ODOC)
 HEALTH SERV. ADMINS.,)
 GENESE McCOY; CCF NURSE)
 COFFMAN; CCF CAPTAIN)
 NELSON; ODOC POPULATION)
 CONTROL OFFICER, LISA)
 MISER; CCF MAILROOM)
 SUPERVISOR, L. JESTER;)

CCF RECORDS KEEPER,)
KARI SELCER; and OSP)
RECORDS KEEPER, JODI)
CARDENAS,)
)
Defendants.)

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Invoking 42 U.S.C. § 1983, Plaintiff filed an amended complaint alleging various constitutional violations at multiple prisons. Doc. 15. United States District Judge Joe Heaton referred the matter to the undersigned Magistrate Judge for initial proceedings pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B), (C). Eventually, the undersigned ordered Plaintiff to file a “new, entirely complete second amended complaint, including **all** the allegations that he wishes to raise.” Doc. 29. Responding to Plaintiff’s motion for an extension of time, Doc. 32, the undersigned granted Plaintiff an additional thirty days, or until November 26, 2014, to file the second amended complaint. Doc. 33.

In his current motion, Plaintiff complains that the Oklahoma State Penitentiary (OSP) law librarian has failed to timely return his second amended complaint copies. Doc. 35. Plaintiff asks the court to order the librarian to comply with prison policy, which allegedly dictates that “copies are to be delivered within 72 hours.” *Id.* The undersigned liberally construes

this request as a motion for a preliminary injunction, and recommends that the court deny it on two grounds.

II. Analysis.

Plaintiff's motion for a preliminary injunction fails for two reasons. First, Plaintiff has never named the OSP law librarian as a Defendant, Docs. 1, 9, 11, 15, and thus seeks to have the court bind a non-party. An injunction is only binding upon "the parties" to the action, "the parties' officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys[,"] or "persons who are in active concert or participation with" the parties. Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(d). The rule entails proof of "alter ego, collusion, or identity of interest." *Reliance Ins. Co. v. Mast Constr. Co.*, 84 F.3d 372, 377 (10th Cir. 1996). Plaintiff has not alleged that the Defendants named in his amended complaint are in active concert or participation with the OSP law librarian.

Second, even if the court could bind the OSP law librarian, Plaintiff has asked for relief that is wholly unrelated to the claims in the amended complaint. That is, whether the OSP law librarian has failed to timely return copies has never been at issue. A preliminary injunction grants intermediate relief of the same character as that which may be finally granted. *See De Beers Consol. Mines v. United States*, 325 U.S. 212, 220 (1945). Thus, "the movant must establish 'a relationship between the injury claimed in the party's motion and the conduct asserted in the complaint.'" *Little v. Jones*,

607 F.3d 1245, 1251 (10th Cir. 2010) (citation omitted). If he fails to do so, the court is powerless to enter a preliminary injunction. *See Colum v. Winchester*, No. CIV-12-561-HE, 2012 WL 3594804, at *1 (W.D. Okla. June 21, 2012) (“When the movant seeks intermediate relief beyond the claims in the complaint, the court has no authority to enter a preliminary injunction.”) (unpublished recommendation), *adopted*, 2012 WL 3594778 (W.D. Okla. Aug. 21, 2012) (unpublished order).

II. Recommendation and notice of right to object.

For the above stated reasons, the undersigned finds that the court should deny Plaintiff's construed motion for preliminary injunction. Doc. 35.

The undersigned advises Plaintiff of his right to file an objection to this report and recommendation with the Clerk of this Court by November 26, 2014, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b)(2). The undersigned further advises Plaintiff that failure to timely object to this report and recommendation waives the right to appellate review of both factual and legal issues contained herein. *See Moore v. United States*, 950 F.2d 656, 659 (10th Cir. 1991).

This report and recommendation does not terminate the referral.

ENTERED this 6th day of November, 2014.



Suzanne Mitchell
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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE